

July 2, 2013

Dear Authorized Representative and Food Service Directors:

Attached please find the FY14 Attestation Statement and the Nutrition Standards. Please review the attachments and the information below and take the necessary action.

Sincerely,
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FY14 School Meals Programs NOW Open

The FY14 CNP2000 School Meal Programs application is now open. We appreciate your understanding as we worked through the issues with the system.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act(HHFKA) in FY14

All SFAs must serve meals that meet the meal pattern/nutrition standards that became effective on July 1, 2012 (attached) and become “certified”.

The [Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm) major changes in school meals program to help us raise a healthier generation of children. The new standards align school meals with the latest nutrition science and the real world circumstances of America’s schools. Review the regulations and USDA’s website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/nutritionstandards.htm>.

In Iowa, over 280 SFAs became “**certified**” in FY13 and received the additional 6 cent s performance based reimbursement. SFAs that did not become “**certified**” in FY13 need to start the Menu Certification process in FY14 to receive the additional 6 cents performance based reimbursement. Being “certified” is **NOT** optional if the SFA participates in the National School Lunch Program. Information on the Certification process is on the Bureau’s web site at http://www.educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2595&Itemid=4678. **SFAs that did not become “certified” in FY13 will be identified as a top priority for an Administrative Review in FY14.**

Menu Certification for FY14 – Getting Started:

To get started, visit the Bureau’s web site to review and access the webinar on the Menu Certification process and the USDA Menu Worksheets. The Bureau’s web is http://www.educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2671%3Acertification-for-06&catid=59%3Anutrition-programs&Itemid=4678.

After July 1, SFAs must submit Menu Certification documents in FY14. When submitting the menu and USDA menu worksheets, the menu must be from the month the SFA submits the menu in, the month before (except for June) or month after. If the SFA submits in July, the menu may be from July or August but not June due to June being in the prior fiscal year. If the SFA submit in September, the menu may be from August, September, or October. The 6 cents reimbursement will start in the month that you submit documents for Certification. If the SFA submits a menu and the USDA menu worksheets for November the SFA will not receive the 6 cents reimbursement for October or earlier.

Menu Certification – Started in FY13 but not “Certified”

SFAs that started the Menu Certification process in FY13 but did not become “certified” must continue the process under FY13 to receive the additional 6 cents performance based reimbursement for FY13.

Menu Certified in FY13 - Attestation Statement for FY14

SFAs that were certified in FY13 will remain certified in FY14 but a FY14 Attestation Statement must be attached to the FY14 SFA application via the CNP 2000 system. **The attached FY14 Attestation Statement must be completed and attached to the FY14 SFA application on the CNP2000 system.**